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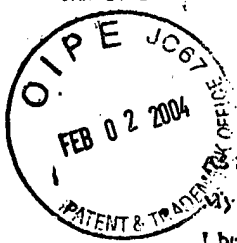
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Case No. 11008/S**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on September 8, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/658,635.
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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The specification of the above-identified patent application:

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I hereby revoke all previously granted powers of attorney in the above-identified patent application and appoint the following attorneys to prosecute said patent application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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